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Amendments made to the Tribal Government's plan for restructuring

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An immediate implementation of the amendment to the Tribal Government Plan (Ordinance 95-04)-"Restructuring", was adopted by the Menominee Tribal Legislature (MTL) on November 21st, 2002.

In an overview of the Government Plan, prepared by the Department of Administration, reasons given for the change by MTL were: they felt the authority practiced was somewhat vague by some managing officials; felt some authorities needed to be shared (or decentralized); wanted to inject a team-based, management approach to the organization; wanted the directors to know, in no uncertain terms, what their specific duties and authority were; and wanted the "framework" contained in one authoritative document.

The original plan, which dates back to 1979, has been through many changes to update it to its current status.

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Community voices concerns at General Council



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Laurie Reiter, new Tribal Legislator, asked a question during the the general council meeting on January 25, 2003. So many people had questions about the Menominee Casino and Bingo operations that a special General Council meeting will be held in May to discuss only Menominee Casino, Bingo, and Hotel issues.

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The Annual General Council meeting on January 18th ended with a lot of unfinished business and reports. Therefore the General Council meeting was continued until January 25, 2003, to finish the reports from the Casino, Gaming Commission Housing Department, Tribal Supermarket, and the Legislative Committee Chairpersons.

Major discussion surrounded the

management and polices of the Casino. The Menominee Gaming Authority Ordinance only gave the Menominee Tribal Legislature the authority to set policy for the Casino. The ordinance also gave the General Manager authority to run the Casino.

Much discussion centered on whether the Casino was a business or a tribal program. Under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, tribal gaming is not called a business. Under the Menominee Law and the Constitution, Article 13, the

Menominee Tribe is required to conduct its Indian Gaming as an Article 13 business.

Currently there is an Ad Hoc committee of 5 legislators consisting of Sylvia Wilber, Gene Caldwell, Gary Besaw, Sarah Skubitz, and Tony Waupochock governing the Casino operations. The question of legality of this Ad Hoc committee was raised. The question was whether this ad hoc committee meeting would constitute

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A sleddin' we will go . . .



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Youth in the Commot Lane/Pine Ridge area enjoy an afternoon off from school by sledding in the snow that fell early last week.

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